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**REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)**

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 08/548,840, filed October 26, 1995, by David P. Martin, Oliver P. Peoples, and Simon F. Williams, for "*Methods for Isolating Polyhydroxyalkanoates from Plants*". The application includes 1 page of Abstract, 22 pages of specification, 6 pages of claims, 3 sheets of formal drawings, and an executed Declaration of Inventorship from prior application U.S.S.N. 08/548,840.

A Preliminary Amendment, Information Disclosure Statement, 5 pages of Form PTO-1449, and copies of two newly cited references are enclosed.

Also enclosed are copies from prior application U.S.S.N. 08/548,840 of (1) Assignment from David Martin, Oliver Peoples, and Simon Williams to Metabolix, Inc., recorded October 26, 1995, at Reel 7788, Frame 0897; (2) executed Verified Statement (Declaration)

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Metabolix, Inc.; and (3) executed Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) by assignee
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The inventorship for the claims in the continuation application is the same as in the prior
application.

An Associate Power of Attorney under 37 C.F.R. § 1.34 is enclosed.

Submitted with the new application is a check in the amount of \$345.00 to cover the
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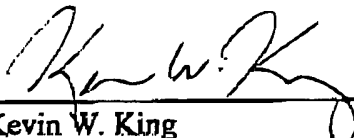
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